Government for a Central law to give effect to the Constitutional provision, under which differential fee can also be prescribed for the weaker sections.

Higher education as pro-rich and urban phenomenon

8. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a report it has been found that higher education is a pro-rich and urban phenomenon;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remove this disparity; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the enrolment of the SCs in higher education increased from 8.6 percent in 1990-91 to 11.3 per cent in 2002-03 while that of the STs was from 2.1 percent to 3.6 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Government is not aware of any such report.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), there is a trend of visible increase in the enrolment of SC/ST in Higher Education.

Unrecognized technical and professional courses

9. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many institutions all over India are offering degree in technical and professional courses which are not recognised by Government but have credential in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to include such courses in Government institutions or universities or give affiliations to selected private institutions so that students are free from uncertainty about their future career prospects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?